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FRIDAY STATUS UPDATE #2

- The State of Emergency remains in effect. Travel bans contained in the original State of Emergency declared by Governor Jack Markell were lifted on Thursday.
- Crews from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) are being hampered in their efforts to remove snow from secondary and minor roads, particularly in Kent and Sussex Counties, by a large number of abandoned vehicles. Those vehicles must be moved out of the way before the plows can continue clearing snow and ice. Many road conditions remain hazardous. Travel, while not restricted, should be done only if necessary and as road conditions permit.

Primary roads in New Castle County above the C&D Canal are dry, while half of secondary roads are still snow covered. Ninety percent of minor roads in that same area are snow covered.

In New Castle County south of the C&D Canal primary roads are wet with some snow cover, while half of secondary and minor roads are still snow covered.

Primary roads in Kent County are dry, while secondary and minor roads remain snow covered, wet, and icy.

In Sussex County, primary roads are wet, secondary roads are snow covered, and minor roads are wet, icy and snow covered.

- DART buses are running with some detours. In Wilmington the Rts. 7 and 8 are not running and the Rt. 24 will stay on Governor Printz Blvd. In Dover, the Rt. 107 will not service James Williams State Service Building and the Rt. 109 will attempt to service Kings Highway at Luther Towers. The Rt. 117 will not service Paris Villas and London Village and Rt. 100 will not run. Passengers can use Rt. 101.
- There is no R2 train service south of Wilmington.
- Delmarva Power reports 1,355 power outages in New Castle County, 2 in Kent County and 11 in Sussex County. Delaware Electric Cooperative is reporting only 3 outages, all in Kent County.
- Two emergency shelters remain open. 17 people are being housed at Milford Middle School, with 10 at Sussex Central High School.
- 280 Delaware National Guard soldiers and airmen were on duty overnight but requests for services have dwindled. The National Guard remains in place to assist where needed.
- Using authority granted in the State of Emergency declaration, teams from the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT), Delaware State Police and Delaware National Guard began removing abandoned vehicles from roadways on Thursday. Owners whose vehicles were towed should contact the nearest State Police troop to determine its location. Recovery fees charged by private towing companies may vary.
- The Delaware HELPLINE reports that it fielded nearly 3,000 calls over the two-day period Wednesday and Thursday.

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